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Dear Harold:

The part of the tape in which you would be most interested is the very part that I just could not read with any measure of success. The man seemed to start his replies strong and then drop his voice. I'm sorry.

I got as far as what I have enclosed and saw that I just could not get his answers. So I played the tape through a couple of times since, in the past, when I have had a distorted recording, sometimes this would help me to filter out the voices but it just didn't do any good. I tried it on both recorders, various tone control settings, and with and without headphones. It may be that if I had ever heard the original and had some idea of what he was saying, I would then have been able to decipher it. I am not even confident of parts of what I did transcribe.

I made no other copies of any kind. The tape is being sent separately and I made no copy of it either.

I do feel as if I have let you down and I am still willing to transcribe tapes for you.

What a mess the Martin Luther King assassination follow-up is. I think the planners of these assassinations should get new script-writers. If the Negroes sound bitter, who can blame them? So am I bitter.

Wednesday night a friend phoned to tell me something her maid was delighted to report. Her maid was over-joyed at news (source undetermined) that Stokely Carmichael had decided to switch to the Martin Luther King camp. If only this were true, it would be wonderful. There is probably no other Negro who has the ability he has. If this same rumor is very wide-spread, many could follow him in the mistaken belief that what he advocates in the future is the same that King would have promoted had he lived.

I have noticed that all the news coverage of the King assassination has provided new excuses to damn and double-damn Oswald, with repetitions of the "psychopathic killer" statements. Radio, TV, newspapers - they are all hammering at Oswald again.

Were the critics getting too close to convincing the public? Even so, surely there could have been a better way than what has been crossing my mind the last few days. Hoover had paved the way for what happened to King. Another friend told me yesterday that Hoover had made a flat statement recently, heard on some radio station, that Dr. Martin Luther King was a phony. This lady listers to the radio constantly, is very accurate in what she relates to me since she takes careful notes but the dial on her radio is not accurate and she never knows which station she hears unless the call letters are given. If it is a distant station she can't always keep the station tuned in long enough to identify it.

My best to you and Lil. Be careful.